

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a method or an apparatus to provide area chat rooms where unspecified users each carrying a portable terminal can exchange message or the like in real time as well as for creating or searching for chat rooms based on location information and displaying locations of participants during a chat. The apparatus includes chat rooms each associated with a specific location, accepts an entrance request with a current location and a remark attached from a portable terminal, and distributes a user of the portable terminal to a chat room whose area contains a current location. Then, each of the terminals displays the location and remark of participants on its screen.